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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hugh Sharkey)
Serial No.: 08/714,987) Group No.: 3739
Filed: September 17, 1996) Examiner: Shay, David M.
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant submits this Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed December 10, 2001. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in new of the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Applicant requested that claims 56-73 be canceled in the previous response filed August 13, 2001. In the current Final Office Action there is no mention of claims 56-73 being canceled. Applicant requests that the Examiner note that claims 56-73 were canceled.

REMARKS

These amendments and remarks are in response to the Final Office Action dated December 10, 2001. Claims 45-55 are remaining. Reconsideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.